



PATENT APPLICATION  
Q65011

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
Hiroo MATSUNAGA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/993,504

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 8148

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

Filed: November 27, 2001

For: VULCANIZATION PROCESS FOR PNEUMATIC TIRE AND MOLD  
THEREFOR

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of one (1) month, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2004, to and including August 7, 2004. Inasmuch as August 7, 2004, fell on a Saturday, the filing of this document on Monday, August 9, 2004, is considered timely. An RCE is being filed concurrently herewith.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

08/10/2004 SZEWDIE1 00000063 09993504

01 FC:1251

110.00 DP

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Gruskin  
Registration No. 36,818

**SUGHRUE MION, PLLC**  
Telephone: (202) 293-7060  
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

**23373**

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: August 9, 2004